

**Minutes of West Boylston Cemetery Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 7-13-2021, at 10:00 meeting was held at the W.B. Sr. Center,
120 Prescott St. West Boylston, Ma.**

*Approved
8-17-2021
Submitted by
S. Bohannon*

In Attendance:

Ron Menard: Chairman
Barbara Mard : Vice Chairman
Siobhan Bohannon: Clerk
Kevin McKee: Foreman of Cemetery

1. Meeting was called to order by Ron Menard at 10:02 am

2. Public Comment:

Wendy Milton stated that she was concerned about the dog issue and things being said on social media as well as the coverage on channel seven. She asked if the Board was aware of the latest coverage and if the Board was going address this situation again. Pam Frechette also spoke about her concerns pertaining to the dogs and voiced she didn't want the board to change their vote. Ron stated at this time the board vote would stand and the dog officer has been asked to patrol the cemetery to ensure the dogs are on leash as there is the leash law in town.

3. Approval of minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting:

Ron Menard made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting; Barbara Mard 2nd the motion. Ron Menard asked all in favor, it was unanimous vote.

4. Bullens Family request an exception for placement of monument:

Sharon Bullens, requested the head stone be placed at the other end of plot. Opposite end from where all of the other head stones would be placed and this would cause a redesign of the entire section of the cemetery. Ron Menard explained why this would create problems for the Cemetery. Ron Menard made the motion not make the exception for the Bullens Family, Barbara Mard 2nd the motion, Ron Menard asked for a vote all in favor, it was unanimous vote.

5. Mard Family request an exception for monument height:

Barbara Mard recused herself from the discussion and vote. Michael Mard stated that he wishes to move his parents from High Plain Cemetery and the present monument is 4 inches higher than what is allowed at Mount Vernon. Kevin McKee, Cemetery Foreman, informed the Board that he could bury the stone a few extra inches. There was discussion on size and the amount of work this would take. The Mard Family would be responsible for the cost of the move. The Board made a similar exception a few weeks ago and has made similar exceptions in the past. Siobhan Bohannon made the motion to grant the exception for the monument as requested by the Mard family, Ron Menard 2nd the motion and called for a vote all in favor. The vote was unanimous vote.

6. New Cemetery Planning and Funding:

Ron Menard shared information pertaining to consultant Tom Daley from Mass. Cemetery Association and the possibility of him assisting with the new site development. Ron Menard spoke to Nancy and she is researching the possibility of State grants for the process. Ron Menard spoke to Tom

Daley pertaining to conducting a three to four hour presentation to the Board. '

7. Discussion pertaining to the recent merger with DPW:

There is concern on the changes and coverage when the Foreman is away as well as when Foreman is working alone. Some agreements were made but not in writing and these still need to be worked out in writing to protect all involved going forward.

Kevin McKee presented bills to the committee and noted things have been very steady. Kevin explained Schedule of bills, Revolving \$14,700.11, Sale of lots \$20,213.06, P.C. Interest \$3,625.14, and Perpetual Care \$431,012.17, and ATM transfer from Sale of Lots of Lots \$5,000.00 used for fertilizer application. Kevin also stated there is a section that needs to be pinned very soon and that takes a few days. Kevin informed the Board that over the few days they will be very busy with five burials.

Kevin shared a request from the Library to have a Stargazing program in the Cemetery with a proposed date of Saturday, October 2 or Friday, October 15, 2021. Ron made the motion to accept the request from the Library, Barbara 2nd the motion and Ron asked for a vote all in favor. It was a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion of a Goal Setting Separate Session :

This will be tabled until further noticed

Next meeting August 17, 2021

Ron Menard asked for a motion to adjourn, Barbara

Mard made the motion, Siobhan Bohnson 2nd, Ron Menard asked all in favor, the vote was unanimous.

Kevin

From: Jessica Wright <jwright@cwmars.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Kevin McKee <kmckee@westboy1ston-ma.gov>
Subject: Possible Cemetery Collaboration

Hi Kevin -

I hope this email finds you well!

The Beaman Library would like to host a stargazing event this upcoming fall for teens and adults. We were hoping to collaborate with you and the cemetery as viewing conditions will be more ideal at the cemetery.

If you are interested in such a collaboration, I was thinking either Saturday, October 2 or Friday, October 15 would be possible dates to host the event. A library staff member would be in attendance but the actual event would be led by a member of Aldrich Astronomical. I am unsure of the event time - I need to clarify more details with Aldrich Astronomical - but wanted to check in with you first.

I look forward to hearing from you!

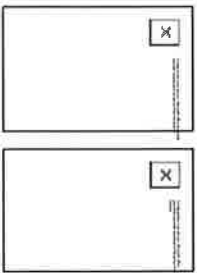
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Kevin McKee

From: Jessica Wright <jwright@cwmmars.org>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Kevin McKee
Subject: Re: Possible Cemetery Collaboration

Hi Kevin -

I do not have firm details yet as I wanted to ensure that using your grounds would be a possibility. I have provided some information below.

Between what hours of the day would this take place? I would estimate sometime between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. I need to follow up with the stargazing company to see when it will be dark enough at that time of year to allow adequate viewing.

How many people (estimate) would attend? We generally limit our programs to 20 attendees.

Would they meet at the cemetery, the commons, church parking lot, or the library? The participants would likely meet at the Library for a presentation and then head over to the cemetery for stargazing.

Thank you for your help!

Jessica

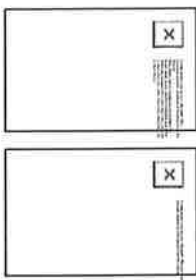
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On Thu, Jul 8, 2021 at 2:33 PM Kevin McKee <kmckee@westboylston-ma.gov> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

I will certainly bring this forward to the Board. If you could answer a couple questions below.....

Between what hours of the day would this take place?

How many people (estimate) would attend?

Would they meet at the cemetery, the commons, church parking lot, or the library?

I have a meeting 7/13 with the Board and I will try to get answer for you then.

Thanks,